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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS FROM AMBASSADOR JORDEN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PN, PFOR, K, UN

SUBJECT: KOREA AT THE UNGA

REF: A. SAN JOSE 4847; B. PANAMA 7026

1. A HIGH LEVEL GOP OFFICIAL TOLD US LAST NIGHT HE WAS CERTAIN THAT IF TORRIJOS RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALLS FROM THE PRESIDENTS OF COLOMBIA, VENEZUELA AND COSTA RICA, IN WHICH THEY WOULD URGE HIM TO CHANGE PANAMA'S VOTE ON KOREA IN THE FULL ASSEMBLY, TORRIJOS WOULD FOLLOW THEIR ADVICE. THE OFFICIAL, WHO UNDERSTANDS TORRIJOS WELL, SAID THAT SUCH PERSUASION FROM HIS NEIGHBORS--PARTICULARLY FROM LOPEZ MICHELSON--WOULD BE THE MOST EFFECTIVE ACTION WE COULD TAKE AT THIS POINT TO CONVINCE THE GENERAL THAT HE HAS RECEIVED BAD ADVICE FROM AMBASSADOR BOYD ON THE KOREA ISSUE.

2. SAME OFFICIAL SAID THAT EVER SINCE BOYD BROUGHT THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL TO PANAMA IN 1973, TORRIJOS
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HAS PLACED GREAT TRUST IN BOYD'S JUDGEMENT ON THE

UNITED NATIONS AFFAIRS. BOYD'S COUNSEL ON KOREA HAS
PREVAILED, THEREFORE, UP TO NOW OVER THE ADVICE OF
OTHERS HERE WHO HAVE SOUGHT TO PERSUADE TORRIJOS TO VOTE
WITH THE UNITED STATES.

3. WE ASSUME, BASED ON INFORMATION IN REFTEL A, THAT
ODUBER WILL HAVE ALREADY CALLED TORRIJOS. WOULD IT BE
POSSIBLE TO TRY AGAIN TO INDUCE PRESIDENTS LOPEZ MICHELSON
AND PEREZ TO CALL TORRIJOS ON THIS ISSUE? THIS WOULD BE
AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM TO ASSIST PANAMA AND THE UNITED
STATES IN MAINTAINING A SATISFACTORY CLIMATE FOR THE
CANAL TREATY NEGOTIATIONS.
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